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Response C and Amendment

Sir:

We are filing this response to the Office Action mailed on 23 November 1999 (Paper No. 21). This response is timely because we are also filing a petition for a three-month extension of time to respond. We respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Claim 4. (Once Amended) The absorbent composition of Claim 1 [3] wherein the acidic water-swella-ble, water-insoluble polymer has at least about 70 molar percent of the acidic functional groups in free acid form.

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